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Message from the Director, Training and Exercise

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Welcome to the February 2011 newsletter. I want to remind all instructors that the annual instructor workshops will be taking place this spring. Instructors who do not successfully complete one of these workshops will be removed from the adjunct instructor cadre. Additional information regarding the workshops can be found in Della Kemp's article.

Due to a hold on some Federal grant programs we have had to delay delivery of some of our courses. At this time this delay is generally limited to Hazardous Material programs. Hopefully, this issue will be resolved in the next couple of months.

Remember that any time you instruct a class for ADEM either under contract or as a "certificate only" you represent ADEM. Please continue to provide the high level of instruction that we have come to expect. Thanks for all you do....John

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Special Announcements

- **2011 Instructor Workshop!**
See page 3 for details.
- **Out-of-State Training Opportunities**
<http://www.dem.azdema.gov/preparedness/training/hs.html>

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Instructors who do not include their odometer readings will have their mileage calculated through MapQuest.

The mileage will be calculated as roundtrip from the instructor's home to the training site only.

Mileage to hotels & restaurants will not be calculated.

FEMA/ICS Training Programs

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The registration deadline for all of the workshops is Friday, February 18, 2011. **NO late registrations** will be accepted. You **must attend** one of the workshop to stay active as an instructor. Event numbers for each workshop are listed on the last page of this document.

If a course is 8 hours long, it's 8 hours long, not 5. Contracts are configured per hour so if your class finishes less than the time required by FEMA/ADEM, your contract will be modified.

All pre-requisites must be completed prior to the start date of the course.

Kathy Walker will be taking over all of the HSEEP Training. Please be patient with Kathy as these trainings do not come around too often (not as much as ICS) but require a lot of coordination.

FEMA Certificates Only Classes, MHEPS, CERT TtT Programs

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It is up to the instructors to make sure that all their students meet the criteria (pre-requisites) to attend training. If you have not received a **Pre-Requisite Statement** along with your course materials, please contact a Training Coordinator prior to the start of the course so we can email or fax you a statement to read at the start of the course.

ADEM is presenting a new course **MAG366: Planning for the Needs of Children in Disasters** on June 29, 2011 at PPMR in the JIC Classroom. If you're interested in instructing this course in the future you should take this course, Event #1001293.

Hazardous Materials & Homeland Security Programs (ADEM Funded & Certificates Only)

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All three HazMat Technician TtT classes have been completed! I think this was a much-needed class to bring up the level of our program. I'll be working with the instructors for all three classes to determine a base-line for all instructors and their qualification for each module of the course. Thanks to Steve Storment, Steve Winiecki, Tom Abbott, Fred Leahy, Dan Fonseca and Chuck Monroe for their help in pulling this off!

For those that teach FRO, you may have noticed that you've been getting quite a few emails from Becky Scott, our Admin Assistant and Finance Guru. She has been helping with the FRO program so I can devote a little more time on other initiatives, like the Tech TtT program, Tech refresher program, new FRA, and a few other things that have taken a back seat due to limited time. I'd say be patient with Becky while she learns the ropes, but she's doing better with the program than I was, so please be sure to give her the support she needs to expedite these FRO requests, especially the certificate only ones!

State Exercise

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The year 2011 is proving to be very busy in the exercise world. We are getting ready for the Federally evaluated Palo Verde Nuclear Plant Ingestion Pathway exercise. On February 9–10 is our rehearsal exercise and then March 1–3 is the evaluated exercise.

Planning for the 2011 Statewide exercise is moving forward. The Initial Planning Conference was held February 7th. We formed 10 Working Groups which will be doing the behind the scenes work and providing updates as needed.

The planning of this exercise is using ICS to bring together all of the moving parts of the exercise. I will keep you updated with any information that I can share.

State Exercise

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I attended my first Palo Verde Government Orientation. It was great to see all different types of agencies working together and learning from each other to achieve a common goal. I participated in a FEMA NWS webinar where I learned valuable information. I am learning more and more about what happens behind the scenes for our future exercises. We have a great team that does an amazing job by putting everything together. I attended my first AESA (AZ Emergency Services Association) mid-year conference. At the conference, I learned a great deal about communications and outreach, Integrated Public Alert and Warning Systems and Public Information benefits and challenges.

Special Needs Populations/State Exercise

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The Reunification Task Force met 24 January. University Medical Center briefed on the challenges encountered during the Tucson Tragedy. We also received an excellent briefing on what is and is not allowed regarding the HIPAA policy. The issue has finally been laid to rest. HIPAA allows the release of information to assist in the reunification of families during emergencies without any declaration. If possible permission from the individual must be obtained if they are able to make medical decisions. A formal HIPAA release is not required. Contact me at dan.varner@azdema.gov for an electronic version of the Memorandum prepared by the outside counsel to The Arizona Hospital and Healthcare Association.

ADEM Instructor Workshops

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REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR ALL WORKSHOPS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2011

No late registrations will be accepted

March 23rd: Sierra Vista #1001188
March 30th: Yuma #1001189
April 6th: Kingman #1001190
April 20th: Show Low #1001191
April 27th: Flagstaff #1001192
May 11th: Gilbert #1001193

State Plans

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"The New Phonebooks are here! The New Phonebooks are here!"—Steve Martin in "The Lonely Guy".

Not really. But, the new draft of the National Incident Management System Training Plan has been released and IS available for comment. Go to the FEMA website and search for it using the above title. That's "NIMS Training Plan", not "The Lonely Guy". Have a great month!—Mariano ;-)